

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title at page 1 of the application as follows:

Method, System and Computer Program Product Implementing Service
Provisioning Via Attribute-Based Subscription

Please delete the section heading "Objects and Advantages of the Invention:" appearing at page 5, line 12.

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 13 – 17 starting: "It is a first object ..."

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 18 – 27 starting: "It is another object ..."

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 28 – 31 starting: "It is an additional object ..."

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 6, lines 1 – 6 starting: "It is a yet another object ..."

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 6, lines 7 – 13 starting: "It is a further object ..."

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 6, lines 14 – 20 starting "It is another object ..."

Please delete the paragraph appearing at page 6, lines 21 – 27 starting: It is still a further object ..."

Please add the following new paragraph at 8, line 12 after the paragraph beginning "A further aspect...":

An embodiment of the invention is a method for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, comprising steps of: establishing a set of attributes of a service provision; receiving selections from said set of attributes, the selections defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider, wherein the SLA comprises a plurality of constraints; provisioning a service for at least one client computer of the customer in accordance with constraints imposed by the SLA by allocating at least some required data processing resources for the service to at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for use; and re-provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some of the required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

Please add the following new paragraph at 8, line 12 after the immediately-preceding new paragraph beginning "An embodiment of the invention...":

Another embodiment of the invention is a data processing system for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, said service provider and said customer being coupled together through a communication network, said system comprising: a system management server for establishing a set of attributes of a service provision; and a customer interface for selecting from said set of attributes for defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider, said system management server being responsive to said SLA for provisioning at least one client computer of the customer in accordance with constraints imposed by the SLA by allocating at least some required data processing resources for a service to at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for use; and re-provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some of the required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 8, line 12 after the immediately-preceding new paragraph beginning "Another embodiment of the invention...":

A further embodiment of the invention is a computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, said program comprising: first executable code for establishing a set of attributes of a service provision; second executable code for providing the set of attributes to a customer through a graphical user interface and for receiving selections from said set of attributes entered using the graphical user interface, the selections defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider, wherein the SLA comprises a plurality of constraints; third executable code for provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by allocating at least some required data processing resources for a service to at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for use; and fourth executable code for re-provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

An embodiment of the invention is a method for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, comprising steps of: establishing a set of attributes of a service provision; receiving selections from said set of attributes, the selections defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider, wherein the SLA comprises a plurality of constraints; provisioning a service for at least one client computer of the customer in accordance with constraints imposed by the SLA by allocating at least some required data processing resources for the service to at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for user; and reprovisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some of the required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

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